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SENATOR BYARS: Our next appointment is as the Governor's appointment to the Director of Finance and Support at the Health and Human Services Agency, Stephen B. Curtiss. Most recently Mr. Curtiss was the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of AuxiHealth Inc. Senator (sic) Curtiss lives in Senator Bruning's District, has been acting in this position on an interim basis for a number of months, and I would ask for the body's support of the appointment of Stephen B. Curtiss.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Any discussion? Seeing none, Senator Byars. He waives closing. The motion is the confirmation of Stephen B. Curtiss, Director of Finance and Support. All in favor of the motion vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted who care to? Record, please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Record vote, Legislative Journal pages 411-412.) 32 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the confirmation of Mr. Curtiss.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The confirmation is confirmed.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next three appointments involve appointments to the Nebraska Health Care Council.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Byars, you are recognized to open.

SENATOR BYARS: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. The next three appointees we will take as a group as they are all appointed to the same council, the Nebraska Health Care Council. Janice Thayer, who is a new appointment to the council. She is the owner and board chair of a long-term care facility in Grand Island. Phil Harr, who is also a new appointment, an insurance agent from McCook. Daniel Worthing, who is a new appointment and is the former director of the Douglas County Health Department from Omaha. And, Senator Cudaback, I would make the motion that we approve these three appointees to the Nebraska Health Care Council.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Any discussion? Seeing none, Senator Byars, do you wish to close? The motion is for Janice Thayer, Phil